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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Phillip J Christian et al  
Serial No. : 09/991,386  
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For : Allocating Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses  
to Nodes in Communications Networks  
Which Use Integrated IS-IS  
Examiner : Victor D Lesniewski  
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Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, applicants offer no amendment of claims 1 to 16, 19 and 20 as presently pending since it is not considered necessary to do so because, it is respectfully submitted, the claims define an invention which is both novel and non-obvious having regard to the prior art references of record.